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For: METHOD OF IMPROVING SURFACE  
PLANARITY PRIOR TO MRAM BIT  
MATERIAL DEPOSITION

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.